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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV STATEMENT ON INDIAN OCEAN BASES

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1. DEPARTMENT POSES NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY'S PLAN TO
BRING INFORMATION REGARDING SOVIET DEVELOPMENT OF BERBERA

FACILITIES TO JAYOKODY'S ATTENTION. TEXT OF SENATOR
BARTLETT'S JANUARY 7 NEWS RELEASE BEING REPEATED FOR
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YOUR INFORMATION SEPTTEL. IN ADDITION, WE ARE ALSO
REPEATING NAIROBI'S 293 AND 505, AND STATE 9758 (NOFORN)
FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON KENYAN
REACTION TO SOVIET FACILITY AT CHISIMAIO REFERRED TO
IN BARTLETT'S PRESS RELEASE.

2. REFERENCE PARA 4 REFTTEL, BREZHNEV STATEMENT IS FIRST
SUCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY SOVIET HEAD OF STATE KNOWN TO
THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN THE
SOVIET PRESS AND STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY SOVIET
REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UN DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF SOVIET
BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.
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